

Burlington Harbor Marina Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Burlington Harbor Marina project?

This is a public-private partnership that will expand marina capacity within Burlington's harbor. It will be privately operated and open to the public.

2. What are the benefits of this public-private partnership for the City?

The Marina will become a substantial local economic engine and source of revenue for the City over time, as it will make lease payments (\$55,000 a year plus a percentage of total revenue), property tax payments, and indirectly contribute to gross receipts and other public revenues. As defined by the Development Agreement, the new Marina will provide additional public access to Lake Champlain with new boat slips, a new public perimeter dock that will be open to the general public daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the season, and new public restrooms. As a part of this public-private partnership, the City is utilizing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars (as approved by the voters in 2014) for the construction of a new public park next to the fishing pier as well as a new parking lot off of Penny Lane.

3. Where can I see plans for the new Marina?

Plans are available here: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Harbor-Marina>.

4. How many boats can be accommodated at the new marina?

The new Marina will have 160 slips, 40 percent of which (64) will be transient slips.

5. Will there be public restrooms?

Yes, during the season the Marina will provide public restrooms from 7am to 10pm in an area of the waterfront that is currently lacking these facilities.

6. When will construction start, and when will it be completed?

The project received all of its permits and began construction the week of May 21, 2018. Construction will be completed by spring 2019.

7. Why is the fishing pier closed for the season?

To ensure the safety of the public during construction of the new Marina, there will be no access to the fishing pier for the duration of construction. The City is working with the developer to keep this disruption to a single construction season.

8. Where else can I go fishing?

Anywhere along the waterfront. The area north of the new Community Sailing Center at the former deep water access in the Urban Reserve has historically been a popular spot. Fishing is allowed with proper state license along the waterfront. You can get a license at an authorized location or through Vermont Fish & Wildlife at: www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

9. How can I rent a slip for my boat at the new Marina?

Contact: info@burlingtonharbormarina.com.

10. Who do I contact with questions about the construction activities?

Contact: Jack Wallace (802) 540-6869, or jack@burlingtonharbormarina.com.

11. Doesn't the City already have a marina in Burlington's Harbor?

Yes, Burlington, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront operates the public Burlington Community Boathouse Marina at the foot of College Street and Perkins Pier Marina at the foot of Maple Street. Our marinas offer seasonal dockage, as well as transient dockage and moorings. Additionally, we have a floating restaurant, Splash, located on the floating dock of the Burlington Community Boathouse Marina. For more information go to <https://enjoyburlington.com/type/marinas/>.

12. What types of services does the current marina managed by the City provide?

At our largest marina, the Burlington Community Boathouse Marina, we have 105 slips with electricity and water at every slip. In addition, we also have 51 transient moorings located adjacent to the breakwall in the harbor. Boater restrooms with showers are offered on site. Pumpouts are available at our service dock daily and are free to all seasonal and transient boaters. Free WiFi is available on our docks and parks surrounding the Boathouse.

The Burlington Community Boathouse Marina is host to a fantastic floating restaurant, [Splash](#), right on our west side dock. At our Perkins Pier Marina, we offer 84 seasonal slips and 23 seasonal moorings. Perkins Pier boasts easy access for parking and our Greenway Bike Path. Restrooms are located onsite, and all Perkins boaters can utilize any service offered at the Boathouse.

13. I heard there is a 6-8 year wait list for slips, is that true?

There is a current waitlist for seasonal slips at our two marinas. Depending on the size of the boat, some boaters wait as little as two years, while others with larger boats may end up waiting six to eight years. We do regularly have transient dockage available. Daily transient docking is free for the first hour and \$5.00 for each additional hour, and overnight slips are available for

\$2.25 per foot of the boat. Transient moorings are free every day until 5pm, with a charge of \$1.25 per foot for an overnight stay. Please call (802) 865-3377 for more details or to reserve a dock.

14. Is the area for the new Marina under the Public Trust Doctrine?

Yes. The Public Trust doctrine dictates the type of activities that can occur on certain lands, which can be undertaken by private, non-profit or public entities. In this case, Marina activities are considered to be appropriate recreational activities. More information on the Public Trust Doctrine: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/History>.